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AZ CORP COMMISSION
DOCUMENT CONTROLIN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
BELLA VISTA WATER CO., INC., FOR
ADJUSTMENTS TO ITS RATES AND CHARGES
FOR WATER UTILITY SERVICES.

DOCKET NO. W-02465A-01-0776

PROCEDURAL ORDER**BY THE COMMISSION:**

This matter is set for hearing to commence July 25, 2002, at the Arizona Corporation Commission's Offices in Tucson, Arizona. By Procedural Order dated May 31, 2002, the Hearing Division scheduled a separate public comment session in Sierra Vista on July 18, 2002. On June 6, 2002, Bella Vista Water Co., Inc. ("Bella Vista" or "Company") filed a Request to vacate the May 31, 2002 Procedural Order. Bella Vista asserts the separate public comment session is not necessary and will create extra undue expenditures for all parties. Neither Commission Staff nor the Residential Consumers Utility Office ("RUCO") oppose the Company's request.

The Hearing Division scheduled the July 18, 2002, public comment session in response to the Company's request to move the hearing location. Staff opposed moving the hearing to Sierra Vista but suggested a separate public comment meeting if it appeared there was customer demand for such meeting. The Hearing Division was unable to find a public location in Sierra Vista during the scheduled dates of the hearing, and thus, agreed to schedule a separate public comment meeting.

The Company reports that subsequent to its request to move the hearing, it conducted a Customer Night to give customers an opportunity to learn more about the rate application and voice concerns. The Company reports that only two customers attended the Customer Night. Bella Vista does not believe that holding another separate public comment meeting is necessary.

The Commission has not received a request from a Bella Vista customer to either move the hearing or conduct a public comment meeting. There will be an opportunity for public comment before the start of the hearing. Consequently, to save all parties the extra expense of attending a separate public comment session in light of the apparent lack of demand for such meeting, and the

1 opportunity for public comment before the rate hearing on July 25, 2002, we agree that the public
2 comment meeting set in the May 31, 2002 Procedural Order should be vacated.

3 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the public comment meeting set for July 18, 2002 at the
4 Sierra Vista City Council Chambers, is hereby vacated.

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6 DATED this 18th day of June, 2002.

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ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

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